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# The Xavier NEWSWIRE

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## Students celebrate Holi



Xavier students gathered on the Xavier Yard to celebrate Holi, a Hindu holiday that honors love and relationships. One of the celebration's most famous rituals involves throwing colored dyes on other celebrants, pictured above. Students abroad in India also celebrated Holi with Xavier faculty.

BY EMILY LINGENFELTER  
Staff Writer

Xavier students, both on campus and abroad, participated in the traditional festivities associated with the Hindu celebration of Holi earlier this month.

Students had the opportunity to celebrate Holi with the Center for Interfaith

Community Engagement and the Multicultural, Gender & Women's Center on campus on March 13.

Holi honors the defeat of good over evil and is famous for its water fights, in which individuals throw water and colored dye at each other.

Students partook in the wa-

ter fight custom on the Xavier Yard, covering each other in blue, green, yellow, red and orange dyes.

The event also featured an Indian-inspired dance by Xavier's Dance Team, music from the Acabellas and a face-painting station set up by the Art Society.

Holi celebrates love and ex-

pressions of appreciation. The elevated excitement and vibrant colored dyes help break social boundaries and draw communities closer together.

Dr. Rashmi Assudani, a business professor, and Rabbi Abie Ingber, director of Interfaith Community Engagement, gave speeches detailing the festival and

its relevance to students.

"Life at the college age is so rich, so full of new opportunities. What you learn can be unlearned, but experiences carry through a lifetime," Ingber said.

Some students were able to receive an even more authentic experience, as Assudani and Dr. Kathleen Hidy, another business professor at Xavier, were teaching a study abroad program in India. A spring break trip to India landed in the country within the same week as Holi, and students on the trip celebrated the holiday in its native land.

On March 6, the Xavier group traveled to the home of Assudani's family for a private celebration. Upon arrival, they were greeted with drumming music and garlands of orange, aromatic flowers.

As part of the celebration, the new arrivals were drenched with water guns and water balloons and covered with colorful powders until everyone was tied-dyed and unrecognizable. The afternoon continued with delectable tastes of Indian cuisine and dance.

"Even though we were outsiders who had never experienced Holi, everyone was so welcoming, and I felt like part of the community," senior Carly Kennedy said.

The festival occurs each year when the lunar calendar aligns with a full moon, which occurred this year on March 6.

## Xavier to host noted journalist

BY JESS LARKIN  
Copy Editor

Xavier's Heroes of Professional Ethics lecture series is back this year with seven-time Emmy Award winner John Quiñones, ABC's first Latino correspondent.

As a speaker in the series, Quiñones will discuss professional ethics and encourage students to practice responsibility in the workforce, topics that the Williams College of Business hopes will resonate with students.

"Sound business ethics is at the core of success in business," Professor Ann Marie Tracey, J.D., co-director of the Cintas Institute for Business Ethics, said.

"It is the means through which companies gain the trust of their employees, customers and those with whom it does business. It ensures sound management practices and good governance. Operating at a level beyond which the law requires reaps great rewards, personal satisfaction and minimizes risk," Tracey said.

Quiñones grew up in a family of migrant workers in San Antonio and was a first-generation college student and a graduate of Columbia's School of Journalism.

He has been a correspondent for ABC since the early 1980s, appearing on a variety of the net-



Photo courtesy of web.poptower.com  
ABC correspondent John Quiñones

work's programming, including "Primetime," "Good Morning America" and "20/20."

In one segment, Quiñones met with orphans and their caretaker living in the sewers of Bogotá, Colombia. Such an endeavor garnered more than \$1 million in viewers' donations, which led to the construction of an orphanage in Bogotá.

Quiñones also anchors "What Would You Do?," a hidden-camera "Primetime" series in which he creates scenarios of conflict or ethical dilemma in public places to observe how bystanders would react in those situations.

He joins Mark Whitacre, Erin Brockovich, Frank Abagnale and Cynthia Cooper in the lineup of keynote speakers that the Williams College of Business has

hosted for the lectures series.

"Ethics is at the heart of Xavier's mission," Tracey said. "Living the ethical life evokes *magis*, bringing the greatest good, and is a means through which we can care for others and be in solidarity and kinship with them."

The lecture series is presented by Xavier's Williams College of Business and sponsored by Jerry and Janey Belle, Xavier's Cintas Institute for Business Ethics and Women of Excellence. Quiñones will speak at 6:30 p.m. on March 24 at Cintas Center in the Duff Banquet Room.

The event is free but requires an RSVP by March 19 at [xavier.edu/williams](http://xavier.edu/williams).

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Photo courtesy Facebook.com

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The NCAA announced its annual bracket on March 15. See when and where Xavier will be playing.

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## Campus News

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## Alternative Breaks

By MEREDITH FRANCIS  
*Campus News Editor*

Photo courtesy of Facebook

On the trip Mountain Top Removal: An Inside Look at Coal Mining in Appalachia in Harlan, Ky., students suit up to remove debris and insulate the crawl space of a house to help the owners cut back their energy bills.



Photo courtesy of Facebook

Seniors Teya Deleveaux and Emily Dragoo work on a farm on their AB trip Urban Agriculture and Sustainability in Austin, Texas.

While some headed to the beach for spring break, about 175 students and 16 faculty traveled across the United States to participate in Alternative Breaks (AB) trips.

Groups of students traveled to 16 different locations to engage in service projects. The AB trips focused on issues like mountain top removal, urban schools and sustainability.

Senior AB Board Member and Site Coordinator Alyssa Lucas visited South Dakota for the trip, Exploring the Roots of Our Nation, in which students performed service on the Pine Ridge Reservation, working with the Oglala Lakota people.

“The biggest thing I took away from my trip was ‘Mitakuye Oyasin,’ which is Lakota for ‘we are all related,’” Lucas said. “Learning about the suicide rate, intense poverty and unhealthy living conditions opened my eyes to the injustices that are found right here in our own country.”

Sophomore Tommy Bell visited Harlan, Ky., to learn more about mountain top removal.

“AB provided me with the opportunity to better understand the struggles of the people in the Appalachian region,” Bell said. “The people I met in Harlan are proud, hard-working people committed to improving the lives of their friends and neighbors.”

This year, AB also offered two fall break and three summer trips, including one to El Salvador.



Photo courtesy of Facebook

Students on the AB South Dakota trip, Exploring the Roots of Our Nation, listen to the story of how the Lakota people got beds for the first time. The students then worked on making parts of bunk beds for houses on the reservation.



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Xavier students on the trip Urban Schools and Community Learning Centers in Cincinnati hold up the “X” with younger students.

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NOTES

**Feb. 21, 6:00 p.m.** – A student reported that his or her vehicle had been struck by a suspect who fled the scene in the R-1 Lot.

**Feb. 23, 6:47 p.m.** – Xavier Police assisted a Norwood Police officer with a subject resisting arrest during a traffic stop at Dana Avenue and Montgomery Road. The subject was taken into custody without incident.

**Feb. 23, 11:43 p.m.** – Xavier Police assisted Residence Life in confiscating equipment being used to produce fictitious IDs in Kuhlman Hall. Residence Life will follow up with the student.

**Feb. 25, 8:17 p.m.** – An intoxicated non-student sleeping in his or her vehicle on University Drive near the traffic booth was arrested for disorderly conduct while intoxicated. The vehicle was towed.

**Feb. 27, 1:26 a.m.** – Xavier Police assisted Norwood Police in investigating the robbery of a

student at Montgomery Road and Cleneay Avenue. Xavier Safety issued a timely warning.

**Feb. 27, 3:21 a.m.** – Xavier Police investigated a report of students drinking beer and possibly smoking marijuana in a suite in Cintas Center. Xavier Police were unable to locate the suspects.

**Feb. 27, 9:55 a.m.** – A Physical Plant employee reported damage to a ceiling tile and light bracket in Fenwick Place. A suspect was seen but was unable to be found.

NOTE OF THE  
WEEK  
Frosty the — woah,  
man.

**March 2, 10:07 a.m.** – Officers responded to a report of an offensive and inappropriate snowman in the front yard of a student residence in the 1000 block of Dana Avenue. Officers were unable to make contact with the residents and the offensive snowman was destroyed.

**Feb. 28, 12:17 p.m.** – A visitor attending an event at Cintas Center reported that a parking attendant made inappropriate comments as he or she attempted to enter the parking lot.

**Feb. 28, 7:16 p.m.** – Xavier Police and Norwood Police investigated a report of an intoxicated, underage student running in the middle of Montgomery Road near Cleneay Avenue. Norwood Police transported the student home.

**March 4, 12:56 p.m.** – Officers investigated a suspicious person attempting to gain access to the O'Connor Sports Center. The non-student was arrested on a traffic warrant, issued a trespass warning noticed and escorted off campus.

**March 4, 11:55 p.m.** – Xavier Police, Duke Energy and Cincinnati Fire and Rescue investigated a possible natural gas leak at a house in the 1000 block of Dana Avenue. The leak turned out to be a burst water pipe.



# ROTC students compete in Ranger Challenge

BY REGINA WRIGHT  
Staff Writer

Five Xavier ROTC teams participated in the annual Ranger Challenge on March 13 at Camp Friedlander in Loveland, Ohio.

“It’s not only to assess the soldier skills of the cadets, but also to bring about comradery of the schools,” Jane Fox, senior Xavier cadet, said. “We don’t usually interact with these schools on a daily basis, but it was great to get those relationships because they always say it’s a big army but a small army, so you could run into these people somewhere down the road in your career.”

Xavier ROTC students participated in various events including casualty evacuation site, ruck match, a hatch throw and a Ranger PT test — push-ups, sit-ups, chin-ups and a five-mile run. The entire event was also land navigation.

“I was in charge of the PT test...this was the first one that I was involved in planning,” Fox said. Planning for the Ranger Challenge started in the fall.

Xavier has been hosting the Ranger Challenge for 15 years but it takes place in various part of the country with many different schools participating, such as Michigan State, Ohio University and Rose-Hulman.

“My favorite event, there

was a critical thinking event where they had to do an exercise, they did burpees and then they had to take a bunch of numbers ranging from 1-100 and rearrange them in order. It contrasts the physical elements with actually thinking and it’s not all physical, so you can’t win everything because you’re just in shape,” Fox said.

A total of five two-student teams competed in the events. There were nine Xavier cadets and one Mount Saint Joseph cadet.

“They go through a screening process...mostly to see if they are physically able to do it,” Fox said. “There is a Ranger team and they try to limit the number of students that join, so there are cuts eventually, but anyone can try out.”

Every cadet in the nation is ranked during their junior year by points. The Ranger Challenge benefits cadets in terms of recognition and gives them more points, helping them to decide the path they want to take.

Altogether, 54 teams participated in the Ranger Challenge.

Xavier placed in the top ten, with Ohio University placing first.

“It would be really awesome to have Xavier students come out there to watch and support the students,” Fox said.

- United States and World News -

# Nation remembers march on Selma



Photo courtesy of nytimes.com

The Obama family and Congressman John Lewis lead the crowd in a commemorative march through Selma, Ala.

BY RICHARD MEYER  
Copy Editor

President Barack Obama and other leaders joined thousands of civil rights activists in a march remembering the events of what is known as “Bloody Sunday” on the weekend of March 7-8.

About 70,000 activists crossed the Edmund Pettus Bridge in Selma, Ala., the place where Amelia Boynton Robinson and hundreds of other activists marching in a peaceful protest had been severely beaten 50 years ago.

Robinson was present for the commemoration and, at 103 years old, was wheeled across the bridge holding the president’s hand.

President Obama delivered what has been referred to as one of his most important and best

speeches on March 7 at the bridge.

“First and foremost, we have to recognize that one day’s commemoration, no matter how special, is not enough,” Obama said. “If Selma taught us anything, it’s that our work is never done — the American experiment in self-government gives work and purpose to each generation.”

In 1965, about 600 activists met in Selma to march for voting rights. After six blocks of marching, the activists were met by Alabama state troopers who beat and tear gassed them.

Martin Luther King, Jr., led another march a few weeks later that began in the same place with about 3,200 marchers, but the number increased to about 25,000 as they made their way to

Montgomery. The events led to the passage of the Voting Rights Act, removing many obstacles for black U.S. citizens to vote.

Thousands of people from around the country met in Selma to make the weeklong and roughly 50-mile march to Montgomery in memory of Bloody Sunday.

“Fifty years from Bloody Sunday, our march is not yet finished, but we’re getting closer,” Obama said.

The anniversary comes at a time of high racial tensions in respect to police brutality and racial disparity.

“We just need to open our eyes and ears and hearts to know that this nation’s racial history still casts its long shadow upon us,” Obama said.

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# Concert choir to perform Mozart’s ‘Requiem’

The Xavier University Concert Choir, in coordination with the Cincinnati Ballet, will produce the composer’s final piece for one weekend only

By AIYANA MOORE  
Staff Writer

Tragic moments give way to hope in the Cincinnati Ballet’s newest performance set to Mozart’s “Requiem Mass in D Minor,” accompanied by the Xavier University Concert Choir.

“We are singing it all completely in Latin and we’re doing the entirety of the Requiem with the ballet,” sophomore choir member Stephanie Ambrose said.

Mozart’s “Requiem,” originally written for a funeral, was the composer’s last piece and was left incomplete upon his death in 1791, a fact that is emphasized by the way that the ballet’s reflection on mortality. The ballet, which will be performed on March 20 and 21, will consist of several acts, each representing a different tragedy. The Cincinnati Ballet website identifies the performance as “datharsis through dance.”

“Everything is so dramatic, there’s a ton of crescendos and it’s just really powerful music,” Ambrose said. “We have put so much effort into this work, and we have been working on it almost non-stop since December.”

Maestro Carmon DeLeone has been working with the Concert Choir to prepare for the upcoming event.

“He really transformed our choir,” Ambrose said. “At a musical standpoint, it’s going to be pretty powerful and hopefully we’re going to showcase a lot of emotion with the way that we’re singing.”

Although Ambrose and the rest of the choir are excited to perform “Requiem” with the Cincinnati Ballet, this is not the first performance of the show. The Cincinnati Ballet, along with the Concert Choir, performed the same show in 2010 with great

success.

“It is such a beautiful production,” Terry Honebrink, the community relations and group sales manager for Cincinnati Ballet, said on WVXU radio in relation to both the 2010 and upcoming performances of “Requiem.” “It’s poignant and moving and emotional. I guarantee if you come, your heart will be touched in many, many ways and you’ll leave the theater feeling very uplifted.”

Mozart’s “Requiem” will have performances at 8 p.m. on March 20 and at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. on March 21 at the Aronoff Center for the Arts. Ticket prices start at \$32. Xavier students can get a discount by visiting [www.cballet.org](http://www.cballet.org). Contact Dr. Richard Schnipke for more details.

“We are going to put 110 percent into this performance,” Ambrose said. “I know it’s going to be spectacular.”



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Two members of the Cincinnati Ballet in a scene from the performance

# An interview with Dr. Polina Bespalko on her upcoming concert

By NICK MCGILL  
Sports Editor

Dr. Polina Bespalko is a member of the music faculty at Xavier and is the director of the Xavier University Music Series. Originally from Russia, Bespalko will be giving a concert highlighting important Russian and Soviet composers on March 27 in the Werner Recital Hall at Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music. The Xavier Newswire’s Sports Editor Nick McGill, a student of Bespalko’s, sat down with her and discussed the upcoming concert.

The Xavier Newswire: What got you started playing piano and when did you realize it’s a passion of yours?

Polina Bespalko: When did I realize it was a passion? You know, my mother started me because she realized I have perfect pitch and I have to say that gift helps me learn music faster because I can hear it faster.

As a passion it has kind of naturally merged into an everyday profession. I just don’t see myself doing anything else, to be frank with you. I think it’s a passion, but it’s a passion for that work. For me music maybe isn’t so much a passion, but there is that emotion-

al impact that I get every time I hear music, and the older I get the more I feel it.

XN: As you have gone through your performing career, what has seemed to be the best or most rewarding aspect?

PB: The most rewarding aspect is having an ability to prepare for the concert, to give 100 percent, and sometimes that is difficult, but to be able to share with the audience is special. Because you have certain artistic ideas or comparatives and sometimes it’s very difficult to express that on stage. To me, when I’m happy with how I played and the audience is happy with how I played, that’s the greatest connection that is the most rewarding but the most challenging at the same time.

XN: What do you hope your audience experiences after leaving the concert?

I don’t expect the audience to love it or hate it; I expect them to think about it. I hope they would think about it after leaving my performance. Think about why they did like it or didn’t like it, or if it was entertaining, boring, anything but if they come out of the hall with some sort of emo-

tions, that’s my goal. So whether negative or positive, happy or sad — of course I would be happy if they are happy.

XN: What excites you about your repertoire?

PB: First of all, I am representing the Soviet Union composers in

the first half of my recital which starts with Prokofiev, who was one of the first big Russian composers in the Soviet era, and I am finishing with Nikolai Kapustin, which to me symbolizes the end of the Cold War because he based his art on jazz. And by me playing these works, I feel like I am celebrating that moment in political history

when the wall was completely broken. There was nothing left of the Russian classical schooling in his works. It’s basically clear jazz, blues and Latin jazz and all kinds of aspects. So I’m taking a step back in time and showing my audience what started it all. I am extremely, extremely excited about this program.

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# Xavier dominant as postseason is underway

**BY ADAM TORTELLI**  
*Staff Writer*

Xavier men’s basketball spent this past weekend in New York City for the Big East Tournament, falling to Villanova in the championship game.

The world-famous Madison Square Garden combined with one of the nation’s most talent-filled conferences made for an action-packed four days that drew attention from basketball enthusiasts coast-to-coast.

After running through the conference during regular season play, top-seeded Villanova continued its dominance on its way to a tournament championship.

In previous games in the Big Apple, the Wildcats throttled eight-seed Marquette in a Thursday matinee game before relying on a questionable foul call in the closing seconds to put away the red-hot Providence Friars. Villanova’s dominance led the team to an inevitable one-seed

in the East region of the NCAA tournament.

Although second place is not



Newswire photo by Adam Spegele  
**Sophomore forward Jalen Reynolds was named to the all-tournament team.**

anybody’s favorite position in which to end up, the Muskies pulled off upsets against Butler and Georgetown, both top-25 teams, in consecutive days.

The game against Butler gave viewers an overtime with behind clutch shooting and relentless leadership from senior point guard Dee Davis on both ends of the floor.

In a game of runs and increasingly chippy play by both teams, the well-balanced Musketeers prevailed, beating the Bulldogs for a second consecutive matchup.

Just 20 hours later, Xavier returned to the spotlight in the Garden to take on second-seeded Georgetown, which was coming off a tense victory against bottom-seeded Creighton.

An early Hoya lead quickly vanished as result of sharpshooting freshman forward Trevon Blueitt and guard JP Macura. The Muskie lead that once stood at 21 in the second half all but disap-

peared in the closing minutes as Xavier edged out its conference rivals 65-63.

In a combined team effort, the Musketeers forced Georgetown standout big man Josh Smith into foul trouble, sending him to the bench earlier than expected and ruining his rhythm for the remainder of the game.

The team’s defensive efforts also keyed in on D’Vauntes Smith-Rivera (once a verbal commit to Xavier before signing to play at Georgetown). Despite going off for 26 points the night before, Smith-Rivera was held to three of nine shooting from the field and only 11 points overall.

Finally, Saturday night’s heavyweight showdown versus Villanova seemed too much for Xavier, losing 69-52. Sophomore forward Jalen Reynolds was rewarded for strong play in the tournament and was named to the all-tournament team.

In the coming weekend, Xavier

Nation will be watching as the Musketeers take on the winner of the March 17 play-in game between Ole Miss and Brigham Young University.

Ole Miss eliminated a 17 point deficit at half time to make a comeback against the sharp shooting Cougars winning 94-90.

Ole Miss will head into the game against Xavier having played a tough and physical opening round game and the Musketeers will look to capitalize on extra rest.

Ole Miss has been playing in front of large crowds and intense media pressure all year long.

The Muskies will certainly have their hands full no matter who they play at 4:10 p.m. on March 19 in Jacksonville.

Barring an upset, Xavier is projected to meet the West Region’s three-seed Baylor Bears in the round of 32, who will be taking on Georgia State, who many believe will be this year’s low-seed surprise.

# Breaking down this season’s bracket

**BY BRENDAN BURRIS**  
*Staff Writer*

It’s that time of year again: March. The home stretch of the NBA and NHL seasons, the beginning of baseball, but most importantly, the beginning of March Madness.

On March 15, the NCAA Tournament Selection Committee determined the 68-team field and fans across the United States began filling out their brackets.

There are certainly some interesting storylines to follow this year with some possible mid-major upsets that could change the trajectory of the tournament overall.

Here’s a breakdown of some of the key storylines headed into this year’s tournament:

**Team to Beat:** Is anybody in the country surprised with Kentucky listed here? The undefeated Wildcats are the top overall

seed in the tournament, have 1/1 betting odds to win it all and have been the no. 1 team in the country since the beginning of the season.

With nine McDonald’s High School All-Americans heading into the season, the entire country knew this was a team to be reckoned with. The Wildcats are only six tournament wins away from a perfect season.

With strong front-court forwards junior Willie Cauley-Stein and freshman Karl Anthony Towns, the Wildcats are sure to be a matchup disaster for any team they face.

**Toughest Region:** With the tournament split into four regions, some teams will certainly have it harder than others.

The toughest region to play in this year looks to be the South Region, the placement of our very own Musketeers.

With Big-12 champions

Wisconsin, Pac-12 champions Arizona, North Carolina, Ohio State and Virginia Commonwealth, this region is filled with programs that have a greater amount of tournament experience, Xavier included.

A possible Elite 8 matchup between Wisconsin and Arizona could be one of the most intense games of the whole tournament.

**Sleeper Team:** Every year around this time, fans filling out their brackets are looking for the “bracket busters,” the “underdogs,” the team poised to make a deep tournament run when nobody expects it, or a low seed to knock off a perennial major powerhouse.

Teams like Florida Gulf Coast, George Mason, VCU and Dayton come to mind when using this terminology.

There are certainly a few teams that could pull off a strong tour-



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**Kentucky are the outright favorites to win the title with 1/1 betting odds in Vegas.**

nament run this year, like Wichita State, Davidson and Eastern Washington. The team to look out for the most, however, is Northern Iowa.

Finishing the season one game behind Wichita in the Missouri Valley Conference, the Panthers head into the tournament with

only three losses, two of which were to teams currently in the NCAA Tournament field.

Backed by a 16-game winning streak in the middle of the season, the Panthers are primed to make a deep run in a shared region with Villanova, Virginia and Oklahoma.

# Newswire staff predicts the Final Four

As the frenzy to fill out brackets begins, the *Newswire* staff offers insight

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Baseball team off to slow start *Women's team reaches postseason*



Senior Joe Forney is returning as one of the leaders as Xavier looks to defend its title. Photo courtesy of goxavier.com

BY ANDREW UTZ  
*Staff Writer*

The Xavier baseball team has been busy over the past two weeks, playing 11 games in the beginning of March. The team has only won one game since starting the eleven-game run. On Feb. 28, Xavier traveled to the University of Louisville for a doubleheader. Xavier won the first game 2-1, with sophomore Brad Kirschner pitching a shutout through the first six innings. Xavier held on to win despite Louisville loading the bases in the ninth. In the second game, Xavier fell 6-3. The Musketeers sacrificed two early runs but held a one-run lead

into the eighth. Coming into the eighth inning, sophomore pitcher Greg Jacknewitz walked three players. This forced Xavier to change to reliever Daniel Przeniczny. Louisville secured a three-run play and an extra run to secure their victory. Xavier played Louisville to a 2-0 loss the next day. The following weekend, Xavier was in Alabama to play a series against Auburn, running March 6-8. In the Friday game, the Muskies earned only two runs from Brian Bruening and fell 7-2. Starting pitcher Kirschner allowed six walks and six runs in his four innings before being replaced. On Saturday, the Musketeers

extended the Tigers to 11 innings before falling. In the final game on Sunday, Xavier could not finish a rally and fell 10-6. Sophomore Trent Astle started on the mound and allowed nine runs in four innings. Senior Selby Chidemo hit a three-run homer but couldn't secure the win. After a three-day break, the Musketeers went to Dayton, Ohio to play Wright State in a doubleheader. In the first game, the team was shut out 5-0 despite tallying five hits. The following game was another hard loss for Xavier, dropping 6-3. Senior pitcher Eric Stiene allowed a run before putting away 15 straight but allowed three singles and a walk in the sixth. On March 13, the Musketeers were in New Orleans to play a weekend series against Tulane. The Muskies fell short the entire weekend, losing 3-2 after 10 innings on Friday and shut-outs on Saturday (1-0) and Sunday (10-3). On March 17, Xavier faced Miami (OH) at Prasco Park in Mason. The Musketeers have struggled out of the gate opening with a record of 4-15/5-14 and look to get things rolling again as they continue playing on the road until their first home game on March 27 against Northern Kentucky.

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The Xavier women's basketball team earned a trip to the Women's Basketball Invitational (WBI), after second-seed DePaul knocked them out of the Big East Tournament. The Musketeers enter the WBI tournament with a 17-14 record (9-9 Big East) in head coach Brian Neal's second season. They were the seventh-seed in the Big East Tournament, where they beat tenth-seed Georgetown (4-27, 2-16) before falling to DePaul (26-7, 15-3) in the quarterfinals. The 70-67 victory over the Hoyas was a minor milestone for the program, which had not won a conference tournament game since 2011. There wasn't a strong prediction of Xavier winning against the Blue Demons, who were playing at home. DePaul held a 25-point lead at the half on its way to a second straight Big East tournament title. Junior forward Briana Glover led the Muskies in scoring this season, averaging 10.7 points per game. Redshirt sophomore guard Raeshaun Gaffney was the only other player to average double digits at 10.3 points per game. This is the sixth annual WBI, considered to be the third best post-season tournament after the NCAA Women's Tournament


and the WNIT. It consists of a 16-team field, and each game is played at the home court of the higher seed in the matchup. The University of Illinois-Chicago won the tournament last season. Second-seed Xavier will host the seventh-seed William and Mary at 7 p.m. March 19 at Cintas Center. Should the Musketeers advance, they would host the winner of third-seed Siena and sixth-seed




NewsWire photo by Adam Spegele  
Freshman Anniina Aijänen looks for a teammate.

Stony Brook on March 21 or 22 with a spot in the semi-finals on the line. The only potential road game that Xavier could play before the finals would be just across the river at Northern Kentucky, who is the top-seed in Xavier's half of the bracket.

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